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Joy Hall to Sarah Bracher, 7 June 1892

Cossack

June 7th, 1892

My dear Aunt Sarah

I am just writing you a few lines to inform you that that we are all existing far away up in this North West Desolation. Cousin Valentine Hester came in to our May Races, he told Mama that as soon as he could earn enough money he is going to Victoria to find employment there, Val is thoroughly convinced he can never earn sufficient to become independent here, he also means to persuade cousin Reginald to go over to Queensland and find work.

I have a collection of very old European stamps I should be pleased to sell. We saw in one of the Victorian papers a sale of stamps, one old stamp fetched quite a high price £150. There is a man in France who buys them, but I cannot obtain his address, perhaps you may kindly give me a little information.

Mr Stevenson of Spring Station has come through the drought with out the loss of his station and is not in such adversity as was supposed. I think he intends making arrangements about the Station, and then is going down South to live near the Blackwood that is his desire.

The gold-fields here are progressing very slowly, the nuggets are so scattered, and the Western Australian Government are not at all generous with money they have borrowed from the Home Government so Cossack and Roebourne are not thriving towns.

Cousin Eva has been living in Cossack with a lady friend for some months past, she has promised to go on a long visit to some friends who are living in the bush. I am still learning with Papa but the music teacher I was taking lessons from has gone down South, so I learn alone.

Good bye dear Aunt

I remain

Your affectionate niece

Joy H M Hall

PS This is rather a hurried letter

[in W S Hall's hand] With love from all. W S H